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Grundy County has a state winner in the Conservation Poster Contest. Jessi Westcott, left, a sixth grader at the Pleasant View R-6 School, was named the state's top winner in the 2009 contest in the fifth grade division. Miss Westcott was a local winner in the Grundy County contest held last spring. As the state winner, Miss Westcott's poster, pictured above, has now been entered in national competition, with those winners being announced at the national convention in Orlando, FL in February. The theme of the contest was "Dig It! The Secrets of Soil." As a state winner, Miss Westcott and her parents, Danny and Jennifer Westcott of Trenton, were recognized at the state soil and water conservation meeting at the Lake of the Ozarks in December. She received a \$50 cash prize as well as a first-place ribbon on both the state and local level and a certificate of recognition for her achievement.